

Remember!

Please regularly check your child's uniform, including PE kits, to make sure their name is still written inside. In the summer, children remove jumpers and, without names inside, it is often tricky to locate their owner! Thank you.


A Message from Mrs Kee

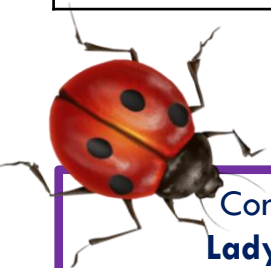
What a great first week back after the half term break. On Monday, our whole school assembly was focused on our final Jigsaw PSHE unit, 'Changing Me'. We began by listening to Nina Simone's Feeling Good, reflecting on the positive feelings a 'new day' can bring. The children then listened carefully to a story all about a character whose tummy was 'feeling fizzy' because he was growing older, and changes were happening that he was feeling worried about. The character's birthday was coming up, he had grown out of his favourite shoes and was going to be starting a new gymnastics class. We talked about important strategies to help us when we get that 'fizzy feeling' in our tummies. The first being to accept that change happens as we grow and, although we might not have control over some changes, we do have control over how we approach and handle change. Secondly, it is important to remember changes we have already been through and coped well with. Finally, preparing for changes can be supportive. In terms of our pupils, we know they face a change as they transition into their next year group. At Violet Way, we have carefully planned transition procedures to prepare pupils for this inevitable change. Y2 pupils have a number of key dates for transition and in this week's newsletter I have included staffing for September so that YR and Y1 parents and pupils know which class they will be going to next academic year and who their teacher will be. Our transition plans allow for children to enjoy their final half term learning in their current class whilst preparing them for next year by offering opportunities to spend time in new classrooms and with their new teachers over this half term. See you all next week, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

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| Whole school (this week) | 93.01% |
| Reception | 89.86% |
| Year 1  | 96.35% |
| Year 2 | 93.11% |



Congratulations to
Ladybirds (97.32%)
for being the class
with the highest attendance this week.
Well done!

**Make sure
your child attends school every
day so that they get
the most from their education.**

Merit Awards

Here are our Merit Award winners for
this week. Well done!



Home Achievements



There were so many
home achievements to
share this week, we
had to make the box
bigger! Well done!

Reach for the Stars!



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Staffing for September at Violet Way

Please see the information below about staffing for September.

Deputy Headteacher - We have successfully appointed a Deputy Headteacher for September. Miss Nicholson will be joining us on several dates in the summer term to meet the children.

Please note, we have not included Teaching Assistants in the information below as we are currently appointing and so where they are working may be subject to change.

Reception to Year 1

Squirrels will be going to Dragonflies and their class teacher will be Mrs Magill

Foxes will be going to Busy Bees and their class teacher will be Mrs Draycott

Badgers will be going to Ladybirds and their class teacher will be Mr Garb

Year 1 to Year 2

Dragonflies will be going to Woodpeckers and their teacher will be Mr Malcolm

Busy Bees will be going to Owls and their class teachers will be Mrs Ayling and Miss Nicholson

Ladybirds will be going to Kestrels and their class teacher will be Mrs Jinks

Parents may have noticed that Mrs Marler's name is not above, this is because she will be going on maternity leave early in September.

Transition in the Summer Term

Although dates may be subject to change, here is the outline of transition dates we have planned for current YR and Y1 pupils:

Thursday 29th June 9.45am - 11.30am

Friday 7th July pm

Friday 21st July pm

Children will spend time in their new classes listening to their new teacher read story, sharing their feelings and ideas for September and enjoying transition games and activities planned by their teacher.





A Fond Farewell

After working as a teaching Assistant at Violet Way for years, Mrs Allen has secured a promotion to Inclusion Support Manager at a Staffordshire High School. Her final day with us will be Thursday 22nd June. We thank her for all that she has done to support our pupils and wish her all the very best in her new role.



Slap on the Sunscreen!

Although the weather has been variable, please keep an eye on the weather forecast and, if in doubt, slap on the sunscreen!

Parent should apply a high factor sun cream to your child before they come to school. The weather is getting warmer and children will need a sunhat and a water bottle to ensure they keep hydrated.



We will encourage children to seek shaded areas if it gets particularly hot. Please remember that children should still wear long trousers for Forest School (joggers or leggings).

Year 3 Transition Dates

For children attending Edge Hill in September the following date are important:

- Thursday 15th June – Year 3 teachers to visit Violet Way
 - Tuesday 20th June – Year 2 children to visit Edge Hill for the afternoon
 - Thursday 29th June – Year 2 children to visit Edge Hill and to stay for lunch
- Some children may also attend additional transition sessions and this will be discussed with individual parents as required.*

NB: There are a few children that are not attending Edge Hill in Year 3. For these children, parents are welcome to contact their child's new school to arrange a visit on Tuesday 20th June in the afternoon and Thursday 29th June in the morning. Otherwise, they should come to school as normal.

For Parents:

- After school Meeting – 13th June 6.30pm
- Open Morning – 23rd June – 9.10am





Friendships and Fall-outs

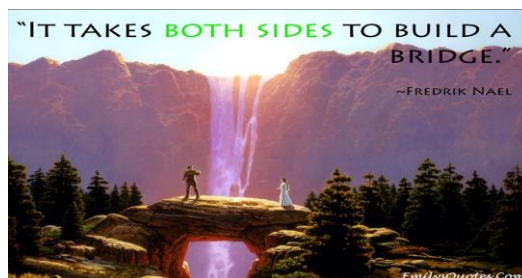
At Violet Way, all staff encourage, promote and positively reinforce our expectations for learning and behaviour. As a result, children behave well and follow our golden rules. However, they are children, and part of learning includes learning about behaviour. As they learn, grow and experience, children will have disagreements with others, struggle sharing, have difficulty with losing and may sometimes say or do things they don't mean.

We always seek a peaceful solution to situations of conflict. We encourage children to talk to each other about how they are feeling. Children are encouraged to find a peaceful solution to their issues through talking. Adults can support pupils by guiding them through a restorative conversation, helping them to develop the skills required to discover a friendly resolution.

At this time of year, children can sometimes be a little anxious about the changes ahead. As Mrs Kee explained in her message at the start of the newsletter this week, we carefully plan to guide children through these changes and give them strategies they can utilise to support their own emotions and well-being. Children are also often more resilient than we realise! However, there can still be disagreements, falling out and problems between friends because they are a little more sensitive than usual.

We make sure we take time to remind children of our expectations and how to respond if someone is doing or saying something they don't like. Children are asked to use their words and tell others "Please don't do (or say) that, I don't like it" if they are not happy.

We help children to distinguish between falling out and bullying by using the following language: 'fall out', 'disagreement', 'nasty incident', 'bullying' and always encourage them to talk to an adult if they feel uncomfortable, worried or upset. Even if they have just had a 'fall out' with a friend, this can be upsetting, and they may need some guidance to talk with the other child and resolve the issue.





Support our Scoot to School Project!

PTA Update - With the growing number of children scooting to school, the PTA together with school, have decided to support a scoot to school project.

We are really excited to announce that we have been given the opportunity to receive some money towards our scoot to school project through the Tesco community grant scheme, but we need your help.....

To vote to raise money for our project, you will need to make a purchase within our local Tesco stores, of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

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PTA Summer Fair – Save the Date!

Thank you very much to all the parent helpers that supported with the Year2 disco – we couldn't have done it without you!

Summer Fair is on Thursday 29th June.

PLEASE NOTE: We have changed the non-school uniform day to the day before – Wednesday 28th June - on this day the children are to come to school in non-school uniform and bring a bottle for the fair.

The PTA would also like donations of clean teddies in good condition for a stall. If you have any teddies in good condition that are in need of a new home, please donate them to school. There will be a box on the gate the first week back after half term for you to put them in when you come to school.

They are also looking for raffle prizes. If you do own a business and would be willing to donate a raffle prize please contact Stacey on the PTA or the school office. Thank you.

Threadworms – information for parents

We have had a few parents reporting cases of threadworms. Threadworms (pinworms) are tiny worms in your poo. They're common in children and spread easily (like many childhood illnesses) but you can treat them without seeing a GP. There is no need to keep children off school if they have threadworms. The information from the Health Protection Agency and NHS is 'if you or your child has threadworms there's no need to stay off nursery, school or work'. At school, to prevent the spread of germs and infections, we encourage healthy hygiene routines and have hand wash and hand rub available in every classroom.

It is important that parents also encourage good hygiene routines at home. The main thing is to stress the importance of good hygiene to your children. Teaching children to wash their hands after going to the toilet and before meals will help to prevent spreading of germs. It is also a good idea to keep fingernails short. Advice is to try not to get too worried about threadworms as they are very common and no matter how vigilant you are they can be hard to avoid.

The NHS have an article with further information about threadworms and what to do if your child has them [Threadworms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)





Parking and Local Community

The County Council have received an alarming, unprecedented number of complaints from local residents and parents regarding inconsiderate, illegal and dangerous parking by parents/guardians transporting their children to school.

**Please be
safe and
considerate**

We thank the many families who choose to walk, cycle or scoot to school and those that choose to 'Park and Stride', parking further away from the school in a safe considerate manner and walking the remaining distance to school.

However, a growing minority are choosing to drive to school and park very close to the school gates, often parking illegally or on the 'keep clear' zigzags and parking with disregard towards local residents – the school's neighbours.

The Parking Enforcement team have been inundated with requests to visit hot spots to try and alleviate this problem and are visiting problem areas as often as they can.

At Violet Way, we are taking steps to encourage and reinforce this message, including reminders in the newsletter, parking buddies at the front of school and Marvellous Me messages.

Thinking about our local community, can we ask that parents are considerate when dropping off and collecting children from school. Let's show our community that 'we care' by parking cars considerately. This means not parking over driveways, blocking exits or parking in turning spaces. If you are waiting in a car, please switch your engine off so that we don't have unnecessary fumes polluting the air around our school. Where possible, you could encourage your child to walk or scoot to school with you.

Think before you park





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ehacc@opoj.fierte.org

Breakfast Club 7.30—9am £4.40, Including breakfast, Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Milk, or water.

After school Club 3pm—6.15pm £9.90, Violet Way Academy

After school Club 3.30pm—6pm £9.90, Edge Hill Academy,
Including a light snack, Milk and water.

Holiday club held at Violet Way Academy

8.30—4pm £20.70p, 9am—3pm £16.55p





#30dayswild!
#BigWildWeekend

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The Transforming the Trent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme is working together with 18 organisations to restore and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the Trent Valley. The scheme is led by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.



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Forest School and Library Dates

Parent Library Mornings Summer Term

Year R Tuesday Sessions Summer Term:

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|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Foxes | - | 25/4 | 16/5 | 13/6 |
| Squirrels | - | 2/5 | 23/5 | 20/6 |
| Badgers | 18/4 | 9/5 | 6/6 | 27/6 |

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions Summer Term:

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|--------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Kestrels | - | 26/4 | 17/5 | 14/6 |
| Owls | - | 3/5 | 24/5 | 21/6 |
| Woodpeckers | 19/4 | 10/5 | 7/6 | 28/6 |

Year 1 Thursday Sessions Summer Term:

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|--------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Dragonflies | - | 27/4 | 18/5 | 15/6 |
| Ladybirds | - | 4/5 | 25/5 | 22/6 |
| Busy Bees | 20/4 | 11/5 | 8/6 | 29/6 |

Forest School Days Summer Term

Please note change to Woodpeckers and Foxes dates for this term.

Week 1

Monday – Badgers

Tuesday – **Woodpeckers**

Thursday – Squirrels

Friday – Busy Bees

These classes will have Forest School afternoons on the days above during the following weeks: 24/4 8/5
22/5 12/6 26/6

Week 2

Monday – Dragonflies

Tuesday – **Foxes**

Wednesday - Ladybirds

Thursday – Kestrels

Friday – Owls

These classes will have Forest School afternoons on the days above during the following weeks: 17/4 1/5
15/5 5/6 19/6 3/7





Dates for your diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2022-23

Autumn Term 2022

Inset day: Monday 5 September

Term Starts: Tuesday 6 September

Half Term: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

Term ends: Friday 16 December

Holiday: Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

Spring Term 2023

Inset day: Tuesday 3 January

Term Starts: Wednesday 4 January

Half Term: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 9 April

Summer Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 17 April

Term starts: Tuesday 18 April

May Day: Monday 1 May

EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 8th May
(King's Coronation)

Half Term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Term ends: Tuesday 25 July

Holiday: Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September

Violet Way Inset Days

Monday 5th September

Friday 21st October

Tuesday 3rd January

Monday 17th April

Monday 19th June



What's Coming Up?

Toddler Morning – Every Tuesday morning 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family

Father's Day Play and Stay – Friday 16th June

YR – 9:00am-10:00am / Y1 10:00am – 11:00am /

Y2 11:00am-12:00pm

INSET day – Monday 19th June – school closed to pupils

YR Pirate Picnic – 20th June

Edge Hill Parent Open Morning for Y2 – Friday 23rd June

Transition - YR to new Y1 and Y1 to Y2 classes - Thursday 29th June

Non school uniform day – bring a bottle for the PTA fair – Wednesday 28th June

PTA Summer Fair – Thursday 29th June

YR Science day – 3rd July

Y2 Kingswood trip – 5th-7th July

Transition - teachers to read stories to their class in new classroom - Friday 7th July

Fierte Festival Sports Week – w/c Monday 10th July

Enrichment Day – Tuesday 11th July

Reports to Parents – Friday 14th July

YR Seaside day – 20th July

Y2 Brewhouse production – Thursday 20th July

Transition - Whole school swap over YR-Y1 and Y1-Y2 - Friday 21st July pm

Y2 Graduation – Monday 24th July (Kestrels 9:15am, Owls 10:00am, Woodpeckers 10:45am)

Last Day of Term – Tuesday 25th July – Summer Holiday starts Wednesday 26th July





Term Dates 2023-2024

We are providing next academic year's term dates below for your reference:

Staffordshire Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 4 September

Term starts: Tuesday 5 September

Half term Holiday: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November

Term ends: Friday 22 December

Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January

Half term Holiday: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Term Ends: Friday 22 March

Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April

May Day: Monday 6 May

Half term Holiday: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Term Ends: Friday 19th July

Holiday: Monday 22nd July – Friday 30 August

Please also make a note of our planned INSET days for next academic year at Violet Way:

Violet Way Inset Days

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Friday 21st June 2024

Monday 22nd July (disaggregated)

Academic Calendar 2023-2024

To support parents with planning, please find the calendar for next academic year opposite, including our planned INSET days.



Term Time Absence

Requests for term time absence must be made in advance via the school office. Please remember, in line with Trust Policy, holidays during term time will not be authorised and parents may incur a fine.

